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Mess night builds morale



Pfc. Dustin R. Stage keeps a steady watch on the Marines in the field mess night at Al Asad, Iraq, July 1. The purpose of the event was to build morale between Marines and allow Marines to relax and have fun. SEE RELATED STORY, page 5. Photo by Lance Cpl. James B. Hoke

MAG-16 advance party returns home

Story by Lance Cpl. George J. Papastrat
MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

More than 200 Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton recently returned from a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The advanced party from Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, comprised of more than 20 Marines, returned home June 30 from a five-and-a-half-month deployment to the Middle East.

"We were on stand by as a back up squadron," said Cpl. Daniel Evers, a mechanic with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. "It was a good deployment because everything went so smoothly; we also went to many other parts of the world such as Singapore and Hawaii."

Marines are known for getting the job done, and that is what they did, according to Maj. Ted Handler, commander of maritime special purpose force, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), I Marine Expeditionary Force.

"We spent most of the time in Kuwait preparing to go north (into Iraq), but we never did."

"This is my second deployment to Iraq and I am glad to be back," Handler said. "The Marines did fantastic; they got the job done, and did it well."

When the Marines are deployed forward, their families are left behind to handle anything and everything.

"I found out my wife was pregnant a week after I deployed," Evers said as he held his wife. "At first I was scared and did not know what to do, but now I am so excited to see her."

"I not only got to come home to see my wife I also came home to the greatest present, a child who is on the way," Evers said.

"Since this was not his first deployment it was a bit easier because I knew what to expect," said Ashley, Evers's wife. "I missed him like crazy, especially when I found out I was pregnant, but then I realized he was doing good things."

The rest of the Marines from MAG-16 are slated to return in August, ending a successful deployment in support of OIF.



Cpl. Daniel Evers, a mechanic with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing reunites with his wife June 30 after a five and a half month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Photo by Lance Cpl. George J. Papastrat



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Hazing: where to draw the line

Story by Lance Cpl. George J. Papastrat

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Marines earn the rank of corporal, a non commissioned officer rank, by working hard at their job and being a squared away Marine.

Nowhere in the prerequisites of becoming a corporal does it say that a Marine must be kicked and punched to earn their blood stripes, nor having their rank slammed into their chest without the backings.

Currently, the Corps has a zero tolerance policy on hazing in the Fleet Marine Force.

According to All Marine Message 045-03, our core values demand that all Marines are treated with dignity and respect at all times. The ALMAR states hazing, even when conducted as pranks, jokes, or innocent fun, is wrong.

For years, Marines have had traditions which were considered simply a right of passage.

Today's Marine Corps is built on the core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

"If I were to see an NCO (hazing) a junior Marine I would stop it," said Sgt. Mark Hoffmier, radio operator with Marine Tactical Air Control Squadron 38, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. "There is a thin line on correcting a Marines and abusing them."

"I believe that anything that humiliates a Marine would be considered wrong," Hoffmier said. "You should never make someone do something that you yourself wouldn't do."

Marines must have the honor within themselves to report any form of hazing to their superiors as well.

"Reporting a hazing incident ensures it will not happen again," said Pfc. John Bulk, a bulk fuels specialist with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, 3rd MAW. "There are rules set for a reason in the Marine Corps, and just like anything else, we must follow them."

Examples of hazing are things such as the gauntlet for a Marine who pinned on a noncommissioned officer rank, or leaving the backing off their new rank the day they got pinned and getting them punched into their collar; however, there is no reason a person must put themselves through any type of physical or mental degradation to be called a Marine.

"I do not believe that hazing is considered a Corps tradition. It may have been overlooked in the past, but it is not a way to prove anything," said Sgt. Ruby Magana, Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd MAW.

"There is no reason for hazing at promotions (pinning a Marine with their new rank without the backing). A simple pat on the back and congratulations is all that is needed," said Magana, a Fremont, Calif., native. "Guidance by leading by example is what is needed throughout the Corps, not hazing."

Some might think being hazed in the Marine Corps is a right of passage, however the only right of passage in the Marines is graduating boot camp or officer candidate school. Once a Marine earns the title, they will forever hold the name – United States Marine.

Hospice care provides comfort for patients

Story by Mark Jecker

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

In the last stages of life, care and comfort await patients and their loved ones.

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For TriWest beneficiaries, the hospice evaluation does not require authorization. All hospice services, however, do require authorization.

Hospice care is provided in three benefit periods: two, 90-day periods and a third

comprising an unlimited number of 60-day benefit periods. The TRICARE beneficiary must continue to meet hospice care criteria for all benefit periods.

A TRICARE beneficiary may transfer from one hospice provider to another, one time, during any of the three hospice benefit periods. Such transfers require a signed and dated transfer document.

Beneficiaries may revoke the hospice election at any time if, for example, they want to try a new treatment method for the terminal condition. A signed and dated revocation is required. They may reelect hospice services as early as the following day.

When the hospice election is formally revoked, the beneficiary may continue using the regular TRICARE program for medical care related to the terminal diagnosis.

For more information call 1-888-TRI-WEST, visit www.tricare.osd.mil or view and download the Hospice Foundation of America's brochure, Hospice Care & The Military Family.

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"Bring civilians on base one day for a work-shadow program."



Cpl. Andrew R. Follett
Administrative Clerk
MACG-38

What can a Marine do to strengthen the bond between the military and the local community?

"Get more involved with community service like mentoring at the youth centers."

Briefs

Social Security Privacy Tips

The names and social security numbers of 103,238 Marine Corps aviation flight personnel and others who logged flight time on naval aircraft since 1985 to December 2005 were recently lost. Here are some tips to check if your personal data was used illegally. The number to call for further assistance is 1-866-827-5672.

1. Closely monitor bank and credit records for fraudulent transactions.

2. Place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit report. It tells creditors to contact you before any new accounts. Contact one of the three companies for alerts: Equifax, Experian, or Transunion. The company that you call is required to contact the other two for support.

3. File a report with your local police department.

4. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

Marines pound out seven miles

Story by **Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver**
MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

As sweat caused by the warm morning sun beads down his forehead, Lance Cpl. Kenny K. Baldwin, watches his every step to ensure he doesn't lose his footing on the rocky trails of East Miramar.

Baldwin, and more than 75 Marines and sailors from Headquarters Squadron, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, conducted a seven mile hike as part of the squadron's monthly physical training session.

The purpose of the event was to give the Marines a good physical training session as well as build camaraderie and increase morale within the unit.

At the end of every month, the squadron gets together and does a different, but fun, form of PT. A corporal within the squadron suggested the idea.

The squadron will be soon deploying to Iraq and the hike will help them remember that every Marine is a rifleman, according to 1st Lt. Franklin S. Newton, executive officer, Headquarters Squadron.

Although many of the Marines and sailors are administration or support personnel, there's also a chance they may find themselves in combat, much like the non-infantry Marines at the battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

"When our Marines go forward, sometimes they go to a security battalion," Newton said. "This helps keep the basic Marine skills fresh in their minds."

Marines and sailors were formed up



Lt. Col. Douglas K. Switzer (right), commanding officer, Headquarters Squadron, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, leads his Marines on a seven mile hike June 30 at Marine Corps Air Miramar. The Marines and sailors of Headquarters Squadron get together once a month and do a different, but fun, form of physical training. Photo by Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver

and ready to step long before the colors were raised to officially start the business day. The hike started in front of the MAG-11 headquarters building and took the squadron past the east side of Mitscher Field and on to the roads of East Miramar.

"This is what the Marine Corps is all about," said Baldwin, an armorer with Headquarters Squadron. "It brings us back to our roots."

After finishing the loop back to the sta-

tion the Marines and sailors returned to their headquarters building and formed a circle around the commanding officer for guidance on the upcoming Independence Day.

"This breaks up our normal, day to day routines," said Lt. Col. Douglas K. Switzer, commanding officer, Headquarters Squadron. "We all have diversified (military occupational specialties) and this reminds us why we are Marines."

Marines use Hollywood effects for training

Story by Lance Cpl. Scott T. McAdam Jr.
MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

Marines overcame simulated improvised explosive devices, rocket propelled grenades, chaos, the “fog of war,” room to room clearing, close quarters combat and screaming Iraqi villagers, all aspects of war during a training exercise at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. June 28.

Marines with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, trained with Hollywood-grade special effects at MCAS Miramar in preparation for deployment to Iraq.

The Marines, in conjunction with Stu Segall Productions and Strategic Operations, have a state-of-the-art training program that emphasizes the realities of combat.

The training provided by SO is unique. Not only are all of the “bad guys” provided by SO, but special effects artists create realistic weapons effects and explosions.

Included in the training are simulated rocket propelled grenades, mines improvised explosive devices and medical injuries caused by the “explosions.”

“We provide everything the Marines need,” said Kit Lavell, executive vice president, strategic operations. “Smoke, noise and explosions add to the realism of the training and help to simulate the ‘fog of war’ effect.”

According to Armando Alarcon, a tactical role-player, with SO, the major advantage this training provides is not realism, but learning how to react to how the oppo-

sition behaves. Because most of the “terrorists” are former military service members, they have a broad understanding of how the Marines will operate.

“When Marines train against Marines, they act like Marines,” said Ashraf Rabadi, tactical role-player, SO. “But we don’t, we use unconventional tactics to put these Marines into situations that they are not used to.”

The first portion of the training evolution consisted of classroom instruction and room clearing techniques in what is called the ‘shooting house’ at SSP.

In the shooting house, the Marines practiced close-quarters combat and room-to-room clearing techniques and communications. However, the role-players were no slouches. High volumes of fire and returning grenades to the Marines were all situations Marines had to overcome. When a Marine was shot, he was down and had to be dragged to safety by his fellow Marines.

“Being a former member of the military myself, I know that when you train against each other it can turn into a paintball fight,” said Alarcon. “We are here to train them and put them into situations they don’t want to be in; it’s better that way.”

After the scenarios at the studio, the Marines moved to MCAS Miramar for convoy and military operations on urbanized terrain.

Marines loaded up into their vehicles and in a convoy went to East Miramar’s



Marines with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines and a tactical role-player acting as an Iraqi police officer provide cover fire for Marines assaulting a building that an insurgent launched a rocket propelled grenade from. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Scott T. McAdam Jr.*

MOUT village. On the way, an IED was set off on the lead vehicle. It was time for the Marines to provide security and assess the situation.

“We’ve had Marines experience flashbacks during our training because it is so realistic,” said Lavell. “Because of this some units have decided to bring along a chaplain.”

The simulation started with Marines moving into the dusty, Iraqi village with villagers going about their business. The peace was shattered when an RPG hit a broken-down truck on the edge of the village.

The role-players acted as bloodied Iraqis and an “injured” Marine laid on the ground screaming in pain.

All of the injuries are Hollywood tricks, but, as in the movies, the blood, burns and missing limbs look disturbingly

real.

“We try to have the Marines who haven’t experienced combat experience it here,” Lavell said. “Mistakes will be made, and we want the Marines to make them and learn from them here, instead of in Iraq.”

The general consensus from the Marines was that this was good training and more realistic than expected.

“This training felt very real, it was awesome,” said Lance Cpl. Antonio King, Weapons Co. 1/24 “This training was motivating; this is why I joined the Marine Corps!”

“This training is superb, it induces high stress and a huge challenge for Marines,” said Maj. Gregory Cramer, commanding officer, Weapons Company, 1/24. “I believe that is what we need to be successful in Iraq.”



A role-player with Strategic Operations acts like an injured civilian after a rocket propelled grenade attack. SO and Stu Segall Productions make their training program for the Marine Corps as realistic as possible using the same special effects methods used in movies and television programs. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Scott T. McAdam Jr.*



Pfc. Dustin R. Stage pours a cup of grog for Marines who are unable to pay their fines for misdeeds at their field mess night, at Al Asad, Iraq, July 1. Stage is an ammunition technician at Al Asad Ammunition Supply Point with Headquarters and Service Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 7, 1st Marine Logistics Group, who performed the night's duties as vice president of the mess. *Photo by Lance Cpl. James B. Hoke*

Marines raise morale with mess night

Lance Cpl. James B. Hoke

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Combat Correspondent

AL ASAD, Iraq — Marines at the Al Asad Ammunition Supply Point came together for a brief banquet laced with ceremony and laughs, and also staying in tune with Marine Corps tradition.

The ASP Marines with Headquarters and Service Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 7, 1st Marine Logistics Group, conducted a field mess night at Al Asad July 1, to honor and recognize the Marines who came before them, as well as to build on to their own camaraderie.

“We came over here 24 strong, and we do a lot of things together,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brian G. Wisneski, detachment officer-in-charge. “We used to do family night. For a lot of the Marines, this is their first deployment. They jumped on (planning this banquet) and made it happen. I gave them guidance, but they are the ones who did it.”

Being that the Marines are in Iraq and in a combat environment, easy access to their dress blue uniforms isn’t possible, so they had to come up with an alternate uniform.

“To go with a mess night, there is a uniform,” said Wisneski, a 32-year-old native of Fort Ripley, Minn. “We wanted to make this a field mess night, so we wore our Kevlar and flak jackets.”

The field mess night was 10 times better than having one back in the United States because of the atmosphere here, according to Sgt. Duane A. Calvin, storage chief, ASP west.

“You are forced to be so much closer to your unit here in Iraq,” said Calvin, a 28-year-old native of Rochester, N.Y. “Marines really appreciate it. They aren't

being dragged to it out here, and it improves morale by leaps and bounds. It’s something that they will never really forget about.”

Although the tradition of the mess night is one that has survived several centuries, it wasn’t introduced to the Marine Corps until 1953. According to Wisneski, it has already become a lost tradition.

“These are traditions that Marines need to build camaraderie and a stronger Marine Corps,” the Brainerd High School graduate stated. “We get too wrapped up in operations and don’t have time for it. Most of the Marines didn’t know about it. They had to get a class on how to speak and what to do.”

Working with the same people day in and day out can also lead to stress, especially in an environment where you cannot leave each other for more than a few hours.

According to Wisneski, that’s why they need traditions and influences that raise the Marines’ morale and build onto their friendships.

“The Marines need these kinds of traditions so that they understand why the Marine Corps has these traditions that are based on camaraderie,” said Wisneski. “They are based on Marines being brothers and sisters to each other.”

“If you think about back at Camp Pendleton, you would finish work, go back to your barracks and go out into town to see your girlfriend or something, but here, if you go back to the barracks, you are staying with the same people you work with,” concluded Wisneski. “These Marines get up, go to work, eat chow and live with the same people every day. They are family.”

A day in the life of Miramar PMO

Story by Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

The Marines with Provost Marshal's Office are responsible for providing security for personnel aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Military policemen often work fifteen hour days, patrolling the streets of MCAS Miramar or guarding the perimeter gates.

Military policemen for Miramar usually deal with disturbances in the barracks or housing area, shoplifting at the military exchange and traffic accidents. However, Saturday night was quiet for PMO, as well as for patrolman Cpl. William E. Hargesheimer from Amarillo, Texas.

Hargesheimer came from a patriotic region of America and his grandfather always told him that every man should pay their country back for what it's given them, according to Hargesheimer.

Hargesheimer came from a family with a rich military history. However, Hargesheimer is the first Marine in his family.

"I was always told that every man should serve his country," said Hargesheimer. "This is how I thought I could do it best."

The Marines with PMO arrive at work an hour prior before their shift for a daily brief. During the brief, the non commissioned officers in charge and the watch commander update their Marines on the daily situation. This time is also used to offer guidance or train their Marines.

At the end of the brief, the military police officers check out their weapons and load their magazines. Then they make their journeys to their place of duty, whether on patrol or at the gates.

The patrolmen are also responsible for getting the gate guards anything they need such as food because the guards cannot leave their post.

The night shift for PMO begins as the official workday retires at 4:30 p.m.

"During this time of the day, I like to patrol the housing area," said Hargesheimer, as he waves to the children playing on the sidewalk. "They like seeing us out here doing our job."

Much of the late afternoon went without incident until PMO dispatch called for assistance. Hargesheimer then responded to a report of a child left alone in a vehicle while their parent went into the station commissary. Fortunately, the child's parent was in the commissary for a short time and quickly returned to find PMO waiting.

PMO explained to the parent the laws of leaving children alone in vehicles as well as the dangers. The patrol-



Cpl. William E. Hargesheimer, military police officer with the Provost Marshal's Office at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, writes a report on an incident that happened in station housing July 8. Photo by Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver

men decided not to cite the parent as it was not hot outside and the child was only one year below the legal age.

The late afternoon and early evening presented no incidents. Shortly after 9 p.m., PMO conducted random vehicle inspections.

PMO is instructed to conduct two hours of RVIs every shift at a location determined by the command. The inspections are chosen at random and nobody is profiled.

"A lot of Marines think we are out to screw them," said Hargesheimer, who wants to be a drill instructor. "I never go to work thinking I want to ruin a Marine's career."

After the RVI's the rest of the night was quiet then the military police officers turned in their weapons and went home.

"Our presence will deescalate any situation," concluded Hargesheimer. "When nothing happens it makes the night go by slower. But we like it that way. It's always good when everybody's safe."



Several military police officers search the interior of a vehicle July 8 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar during a random vehicle inspection. PMO is instructed to conduct two hours of vehicle inspections at a location determined by the command. Photo by Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver



Military police arrive an hour prior to the start of their shift for a daily brief. During the brief, the military police officers prepare for the upcoming shift, which includes loading magazines for the service pistol, as seen here. Photo by Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver



Lance Cpl. Anna Bohman sits against a horse trailer at the Miramar Stables at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar reminiscing the day she swore into the Marines. Bohman had a unique opportunity to swear into the Marine Corps at the Houston Rodeo, in Houston, Texas. Photo by Lance Cpl. George J. Papastrat



Bohman, a Houston, Texas native, helps out her fellow Marine, Pfc. William E. Deyoorlowski, an administrative clerk at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, with his daily tasks. Photo by Lance Cpl. George J. Papastrat

Corps reunites mother, daughter

Story by Lance Cpl. George J. Papastrat

MCAS Miramar Combat Correspondent

Every service member can probably remember the day they were told to raise their right hand and swear into the U.S. Armed Forces.

For most, this event takes place in a small room at a Military Entrance Processing Command somewhere in America. A lucky few have a unique opportunity to swear in a more significant way.

For one Marine stationed here this thought came to life in March 2005. Lance Cpl. Anna Bohman, an administrative clerk with Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, had the opportunity to swear into the Marine Corps along with four other young men and women at

the Houston Rodeo in Houston, Texas.

“I was asked by my recruiter if I wanted to swear into the Marine Corps during the Houston Rodeo,” said Bohman, a Houston native. “I quickly responded with ‘heck yeah.’”

“Once a year, the Houston Rodeo has military appreciation night,” said Sgt. Alex Mulero, marketing and public affairs representative, Recruiting Station Houston, Texas. “This helps us create awareness and patriotism in the area.

“We swear in young men and women once a year at the rodeo, however, we participate in other major sporting events in the Houston area to support the military as well,” Mulero said.

“I remember the feeling in my stomach, I had butterflies and was shaking terribly,” Bohman said. “A lot of for-

mer and active-duty Marines were there, I swore in with a few others from every branch of the military. I have never been so proud of myself in my life.”

When a young man or women decides to serve in the military, it not only affects them, it affects their friends and family.

“My mom, who I did not live with at the time, didn’t know I was joining the military that night,” Bohman added. “She knew I was thinking about joining the military, however, did not think I was going to anytime soon.

“My mother and older brother just so happened to have tickets to the rodeo that night, she saw me on the big screen

televisions as I raised my right hand ... shortly after becoming sworn in as a member of the armed services, my phone

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Marine Corps Air Station Miramar*

rang.”

“After I answered my phone I realized that it was my older brother who wanted to meet up,” added Bohman.

“It was like a reunion when I saw my mom and brother, we were all crying and hugging each other,” Bohman said.

Marines call themselves “The few, and the proud,” because of the great things they have accomplished through boot camp, their job school, and in their everyday tasks as a Marine. Sometimes the parents of the proud Marines are most enthusiastic about their children and a job well done.

“I felt proud, sad, scared, rather terrified, and totally shocked,” said Peggy L. Bohman, the mother of Lance Cpl. Anna Bohman. “I cried enough to flood the dome.”

‘Pirates’ plunders box office record

Story compiled by CPAO

Shiver-me-timbers – \$135,634,554 is more than most pirates could ever imagine looting in a life time, but the second installment of Pirates of the Caribbean slashed tooth and nail to the top of the box office charts last weekend setting a new weekend sales record.

More, more, more seems to be the theme running through Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest. There’s more adventure, more violence, more pirates, and more myth. Not to mention that it runs nearly three hours long. “Pirates 2” hurtles along at a pace only expected from the offspring of a Disneyland theme-ride with great special effects.

There’s entertainment enough for a typical summer action movie in “Pirates 2” which manages to dodge formulaic pitfalls. It doesn’t overdose on a memorable character from the original or overbroaden its scope. Dead Man’s Chest is a continuation of the original Pirates adventure and most of the original cast, just with a couple extra creatures and tales to boot.

Without giving too much away, the plot has something to do with Captain Jack Sparrow (played by Johnny Depp) and his debt to Davy Jones (played by Bill Nighy). The Dead Man’s Chest factors in as it holds Mr. Jones’ beating heart, which was “broken” by the likes of a lady whom he loved in the past. The British East India Trading Company also seems to be after the chest, and blackmails William Turner (played by Orlando Bloom) to seek out Capt. Jack’s magic compass, which supposedly points toward the treasure.

Held in a cell is Will’s wife to be, Elizabeth Swan (played by Kiera Knightley), under charges of assisting Capt. Jack in the franchise’s last swash-buckler.

The myth in Dead Man’s Chest wrings deeper than the original film’s, with Davey Jones and his sea creature cohorts rendered with an unholy amount of computer generated graphics goodness

to make them squirm convincingly in all their scaly, slippery evil. But the plot doesn’t hold much water, same as the first film. The film’s writers seem to have made efforts to develop each of our three heroes separately, using individual subplots to fill in the otherwise empty molds left dry from the original.

Will Turner reunites with his father (played by Stellan Skarsgard), enslaved by Davy Jones aboard the Flying Dutchman and appearing as though he’s slowly evolving into a sea creature. Ms. Swan, escapes from her cell and hides as a stowaway on a trade vessel. And Jack, of course still functioning as the star of the show, develops his slimier persona

with delectable cowardice and deception.

Along with the characters the adventure is also thickened heartily; though probably not by consequence of the writing, but instead because of the greatly inflated budget. Our friends are volleyed on the seas, facing the movie is essentially a collection of fight scenes, escapes and a drawn out chase to find the key to Jones’ chest, and avoiding a gargantuan sea monster the Kraken, whose plunger-like tentacles crumple vessels like copy-paper. Swordplay is more indulgent and plays heavily throughout the movie to add more excitement.

From the high seas to remote jungle islands, the plot jumps frequently to dif-

ferent locations and could be hard for the younger pirate fans to follow.

The movie encompasses nearly every aspect of movie types. Romance, drama and a cargo hold full of creepy creatures give the film a well rounded feel that should hold something for any movie fan.

A core of quality actors and a large production budget bring mythical pirates from the deep seas back onto the big screen yet again to dish out exactly what the sea doctor ordered: Dead Man’s Chest is great entertainment. It’s rich and exciting and full of Captain Jack-isms for teenagers to repeat over and again. After all, pirate movies have been and will remain popular with American youth.



Pirates of the Carribean: Dead Man’s Chest set box office records for sales. Including most of the characters from the first movie, the plot takes viewers on a spinning journey involving sea monsters and skeletons. Photo courtesy of <http://www.1up.com>

AROUND THE CORPS



CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq, — Lance Cpl. Arius D. Hawkins, a 20-year-old from Fort Worth, Texas, waits for his turn on the M-2 .50-caliber machine gun. Hawkins, along with nearly two dozen other Marines from Headquarters Company, Regimental Combat Team 5, honed their skills on mounted weapons June 13. *Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva*



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Four KC-130 Hercules aircraft from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, assisted six Navy F/A-18 Hornets from Strike Fighter Squadron 97 in a refueling mission to Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, June 16. The Marines were supporting Exercise Valiant Shield 2006, a joint interoperability exercise involving 10 air bases, three carrier strike groups and the U.S. Coast Guard. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Terence L. Yancey*



MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif., — Marines with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, move through the cover of smoke during a live-fire exercise on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms. Supported by machine gun teams, the Marines attacked multiple bunkers during the mock assault. Participating in the month-long Mojave Viper Training, the Battalion conducted platoon, company and battalion sized live-fire operations. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Ray Lewis*

Announcements



Is this your Celica?

The above vehicle has been marked for impound by the Provost Marshal’s Office. To avoid having the vehicle towed, please store it in the Marine Corps Community Services or Traffic Management Office lots. Abandoned vehicles at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar present security risks as well as enviromental and safety concerns. PMS attempts to identify and contact vehicle owners of illegally parked, abandoned vehicles prior to tagging the vehicle with a Department of Defense notice. Vehicles are then scheduled for towing three days following the notice. For more information, call 577-1276/4139.

The following vehicles have been impounded and need to be claimed by the owners. Towing fees average \$113, storage fees \$28 daily. For more information call 577-1461.

Vehicle:	License:
Mitsubishi Eclipse	CA#5DAX061
Honda CX	CA#5ERW727
Suzuki GSXR	CA#17E7224
Ford E350	CA#4LNX778
Motorcycle Trailor	VA#CT497383

Miramar Movies

The Bob Hope Theater is located in Building 2242, and will be featuring the following movies. Outside food and drinks are not permitted. For more information, call 577-4143 or log on to *www.mccsmiramar.com*.

Friday:
6:30 p.m. X-Men3: The Last Stand (PG)
9:00 p.m. See No Evil (R)

Saturday:
8:00 a.m. Swap Meet (Until 2 p.m.)
1:00 p.m. X-Men3: The Last Stand (PG)
6:30 p.m. Over The Hedge (PG)
9:00 p.m. The Da Vinci Code (PG-13)

Sunday:
1:00 p.m. The Da Vinci Code (PG-13)
6:30 p.m. *Poseidon (PG-13)

Wednesday:
6:30 p.m. The Omen (R)

Thursday:
2:00 p.m. Ice Age 2: The Meltdown (PG)
6:30 p.m. See No Evil (R)

* Indicates the last showing for that film.

Retirement Ceremony

There will be a retirement ceremony in honor of Gunnery Sgt. Charles R. Glimka Friday at 3 p.m. at the Fourth Marine Musicians Memorial Band Hall. The uniform of the day will be informal civilian attire or desert utilities. There will be a reception that follows the ceremony located at 10954 Janice Court, San Diego.

Religious Services

The Chaplain’s Office is located in Building 5632 and coordinates regularly-scheduled worship services. For the location and meeting schedules of religious activities, contact the Chaplain’s Office at 577-1333.

Sunday:
9:30 a.m. Protestant worship service
11 a.m. Roman Catholic Eucharist
Wednesday:
7 p.m. Baptist service
Monday-Friday:
11:30 a.m. Roman Catholic daily mass
Jewish:
7 p.m. First Friday of the month MCRD
7:30 p.m. Last Friday at Edson Range Chapel

Kern River Rafting

The Outdoor Adventure Center will be having their “Last Hoorah” for white water rafting before the end of the summer. The trip takes off at 7 a.m. on July 21 and will be returning at 4 p.m. on July 23. The price for active duty and one guest is \$145 per person, \$160 for DoD, retirees, reservists and one guest. Children ages nine to 15 is only \$110 per person.

For More information, call 577-4150

Miramar Thrift Shop

The Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is only open one Saturday out of the month. The regular hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Career Fair

The Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Career Resource Center will have a “mini” Career Fair Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the transition classroom bldg. 8456 room 103. Bring resumes and be dressed for success.

For more information, call 577-6710.